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From:

George Maziarz

Sent:

Monday, August 1, 2022 10:00 AM

To:

Comptroller

Subject:

Western region OTB

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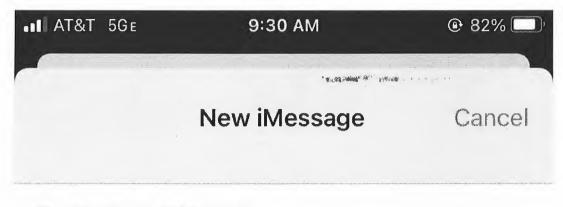
Comptroller Hardwick, Kevin thank you for the letters regarding practices at OTB, as you know I have been questioning OTB business for the last two years.

Right now according to one current board member they are scrambling to hire someone who can "get to" Hardwick. This is how they operate, when Sen. Tim Kennedy proposed legislation to reform OTB operations they hired Assembly Speaker Heastie former business partner to stop the legislation in the Assembly for \$15,000 per month. When the Democrats in the Niagara County Legislature started to ask questions they hired Sam Hoyt at \$6,500 per month to get to the dem legislators to back off, to answer questions from the FBI and US Attorney, Henry's comment to the board was we pay Terry Conner to stop their inquiry, to date they have paid Conners hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars.

They spend more on lobbyists and outside attorneys then they return to their county owners.

Phil Barnes the Schuyler county rep on the OTB Bd has much more information, Phils contact number is 607-481-0482, Phil is the only bd member who questions the operation, the others are all bought-off with sports, theatre, concert, tickets, hotel rooms for family and friends.

Gerge Maziarz



To: Nathan McMurray

iMessage Tue, Aug 2, 5:42 PM

Mr. Hardwick, this is Nate
McMurray. I'm sorry to trouble
you. Listen, I know you may
hate my guts, and obviously
I've had a bone to pick with
you. Although I have felt
justified, I know that I may have
caused hurt. I apologize in
advance for any flippant insult.
My zeal motivates, which isn't
an excuse but an
acknowledgment of my
temperament.

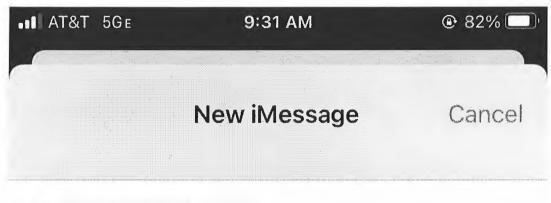
Despite the forgoing—if possible—could we put our disagreements aside and meet briefly? I'll be down right choir boy like. I just need 30 minutes to discuss OTB, which





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To: Nathan McMurray

may be of mutual interest. You have my word that I'll be professional and respectful in every way.

Please let me know. I'll fit your schedule.

Humbly,

Nate

Wed, Aug 3, 8:32 AM

Thanks for reaching out, Nate.
But I must decline your offer of a meeting. I want my office's inquiry into WROTB to be independent.

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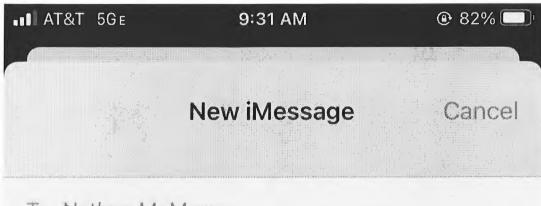
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To: Nathan McMurray

Thu, Aug 4, 10:23 AM

Kevin,

We've been working on this for a long time. I've spoken to over 30 potential witnesses. As you know, and I personally saw at the press conference, George has urged you and others to help. Glad you finally are. Aren't you at all curious about what we know now?

By the way, we are working with multiple elected officials and officers of New York State. I have no idea why you need independence when they do not...

But go get em. They're crooks.





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